Chavez Backs McGovern
By ANDRE M. NAUGHTON

SALEM, Ore., May 19 — 
Cesar Chavez, the director of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee and a leader among California's Mexican-Americans, endorsed Senator George McGovern's Presi-
dential candidacy today. The two men will appear together in Berkeley tomorrow.

The endorsement was made known today as Mr. McGovern, the only major candidate ac-
tively campaigning in Georgia's Democratic Presidential pri-
mary on Tuesday, traveled across the state with his eye constantly on neighboring Cali-
ifornia.

The Senator from South Da-
rk, who recently accepted a ca-
bine challenge made professionally in California by his presi-
dential rival, Senator Robert F. Ken-
edy of Minnesota. He agreed to joint appearances on net-
work television programs on the two Sundays before Cali-
ifornia's primary on June 6 and to debate Mr. Humphrey "any place, any time, that he

The candidates will meet in "radio forums" on one-hour broadcasts of A.B.C.'s "Today and Tomorrow" and C.B.S.'s "Face the Nation." One will be May 30 and the second, June 4, but the order has not been set.

In addition, Senator McGoe-
ren challenged Mr. Humphrey and his supporters to criticize the California campaign with restraint and to focus on the issues of the war and the econ-
omy. He said that Eugene Wy-
ner, Mr. Humphrey's California
associate, was "playing politics."

Mr. Humphrey's posi-
tion was made clear in a letter or a decla-
ration of principles or a decla-
ration of campaign themes.

The political climate follow-
ing the assassination attempt on Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama makes it essential for candidates to "help set the tone" for reasoned public dis-

tain, Mr. McGovern said last night in Portland, where he made his first major address since the Governor was shot on

Mr. McGovern said other candidates ought to show him how they would prevent what he described as "inappropriate statements of any kind or personal attacks by anyone associated with my campa-

Today, however, he said that Mr. Wyner appeared to be the sort of wealthy individual "clinging through the kind of tax loopholes that I expect to reduce as President."

Campaign aides said that Mr. McGovern would go to Phoenix tomorrow to "speak with" Mr. Chavez, who is facing fines in several states for allegedly receiving illegal contri-

The New York Times
Published May 20, 1972